

A Civil Contempt Blog

This blog will describe the unknown and unpublicized true story and bizarre circumstances surrounding the longest, still ongoing, civil contempt sanction in U.S. Federal Court history — now lasting over 11 years, including an imprisonment of over 6 years.

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Pedophile Jeffrey Epstein's Accused Intimidator Was Also A G-Man; And About What Happened To The 'Pesky' FBI Agents

We all know that designated federal law enforcement agents — the FBI, US Attorneys, DOJ employees, etc. — are carefully trained (Quantico is world famous), vetted, identified and under constant scrutiny to uphold the highest standards. Don't we?

Not really ... there is a back door ... a back door so wide that federal law enforcement "badges" were, PEZ mint like , dispensed willy nilly, in secret, to unidentified federal indictees, con artists, and the like.

Any corrupt company or individual can use this back door ... as long as they have: a very fat wallet (a few spare million to begin); enormous insider clout (Bear Stearns of Cayman Islands CMO hedge fund scam/fame); and a very special and politically powerful "insider" man to make it all happen (Paul Singerman, of Berger Singerman P.A., of [Gibraltar Private Bank & Trust money laundering fame](#)).

My [last post](#) showed how accused chief Jeffrey Epstein intimidator, P.I. William Riley, had become a secret, protected "officer of the bankruptcy court." However, that was just the beginning. He also became a federal law enforcement agent.

In late 2005, over a year after the district court ordered the bankruptcy court to disgorge the secret bankruptcy record and after repeated denials, the court reporter "found" transcripts of four of the secret hearings held 5 years earlier.


The secret hearings and filings exposed a bizarre amalgam of wiretap and trial hearings. No bankruptcy court has ever been publicly known to conduct a wiretap hearing or issue communications surveillance orders. All communications surveillance is controlled by the Wiretap Act ("Title 3"), a criminal statute. The Government clearly and repeatedly stated this fact throughout [the hearings](#). Through those hearings, P.I. Riley and others became "federal law enforcement agents."

In addition, the hearings were part of a secret trial in which unidentified "confidential agents" testified against me ... not in person, but through the mouths of Berger Singerman attorney James Fierberg (the sworn secret witness against me in the off-the-docket hearing described in my last post) and the self-proclaimed Israeli "hit-man," [Juval Aviv](#) (who I never knew existed until years after he secretly testified against me). Mr. Aviv [testified](#) "over the phone," in this "anything goes" secret trial — without being sworn in. He testified, HUAC style, that he had in his hands my secret bank accounts! Every attempt I later made, to obtain the papers, that Mr. Aviv had so effectively waved "over the phone," was met with complete, stonewalled silence. Those obviously fictitious papers were never placed in the sealed record.

Some Background:

The wiretaps came about shortly after I was imprisoned at the FDC Miami for civil contempt. The

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basis for my long imprisonment has always been euphemistically based on "a finding of the bankruptcy court" — a carefully cultivated phrase designed to give the false impression that there was an actual judgment for liability for a completely [lawful and disclosed 1991 trust settlement](#). In reality, the "finding" was a single sentence tacked to the end of a discovery sanction order in a bankruptcy discharge proceeding. It never could, under any known law, be considered a basis for liability to a bankruptcy trustee for a legal transfer made 7 years earlier (see [US Supreme Court Petition for Writ of Certiorari](#)). I never had even the remotest inkling or warning that I could suffer such liability from a discovery hearing in a discharge proceeding.

The "finding" order resulted from one of the most abusive hearings ever conducted in a U.S. courtroom (the complete details, with transcript, will be fully laid out in a further post). Unsurprisingly, the sanction order was entirely written by Paul Singerman, James Fierberg et.al.. At the discovery hearing, held on no notice, all of my witnesses were ejected from the hearing, including [Judge Herbert Stettin](#) (the trustee in the Scott Rothstein bankruptcy) who was the Trust's attorney in the long pending [Bear Stearns federal lawsuit that began in 1993](#). I was completely prohibited from introducing any evidence or witnesses. Thereby, Berger Singerman's "factual findings" in the order were the opposite of actual evidence and, in critical instances, completely fabricated — including the totally bizarre "finding" that I had concealed the existence of the Trust.

In mid 1993, years before my bankruptcy case and only weeks after a Bear Stearns judgment first became final, Bear Stearns named the 1991 Lawrence Family Trust in Federal Court when it began execution on their judgment. In that lawsuit, critically, [Federal District Court Judge Lawrence King ruled](#) that under Federal and Florida law, the Trust must be sued to affect its assets. Bear Stearns then impleaded the Trust, which was represented by Judge Herbert Stettin. A simple examination of [Judge King's order](#) (including its very existence) explains why the source of the bankruptcy "finding" has been so carefully and continuously obscured ... the Trust was already in federal court and all Berger Singerman had to do was enter the case or sue — if they really had a case. The federal court case against the Trust was so weak that it was eventually closed for lack of prosecution.

THE ILLEGAL WIRETAPPING, NEW G-MEN, AND INFILTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:

The roadblocks, to Berger Singerman (and Bear Stearns indirectly) obtaining the wiretaps and other protected law enforcement materials, were unsurmountable. Just one of those requirements was that access to the material was limited to law enforcement officers and certain Department of Justice employees. Alan Goldberg, the bankruptcy trustee, is a private trustee and is not considered a law enforcement officer or a part of the DOJ. The Government made that very point at the secret hearings.

Moreover, the Government repeatedly stated that: providing tapes of my recorded phone calls and law enforcement records to Goldberg violated multiple laws and regulations, including the Wiretap Act ("Title 3"), privacy laws and related regulations; that the phone tapes were recorded only for legitimate Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP) security concerns and were only accessible to designated law enforcement personnel; and that the bankruptcy court had no authority to issue rulings on communications surveillance matters:

"MR. DEAGUIAR (Attorney for FBOP): ... Your Honor, the Government feels that compliance with the Trustee's request would violate both the Privacy Act found at 18 USC 552 (a), I have copies of that statute as well if you would like, Title 5, and also Title 3 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 found at 18 USC Sections 2510 through 2522, and I have copies of pertinent sections with me as well." Page 7 [here](#).

THOSE PESKY FBI AGENTS:

Mr. Fierberg bitterly and successfully complained that FBI agents had to screen the tapes: "I have been advised this morning that it is, unfortunately, the law enforcement officers themselves, the F.B.I. agents, or whoever, come in and sit down and go through the tapes" (Page 10 [here](#)) — Mr. Fierberg was clearly looking ahead. So the pipeline of tapes torrentially flowed directly to Berger Singerman, Juval Aviv, the other unidentified agents (which would include Jeffrey Epstein's P.I., William Riley) ... some of whom then funneled the contents to Bear Stearns senior managing directors

Daniel Taub, Mark Lehman, and others.

The pesky FBI — who might ask embarrassing and serious questions about who was actually getting the tapes and how — had been surgically removed from the loop. The Government, without control, ended up conducting illegal wiretapping for Bear Stearns while they were involved in extensive Florida state and Federal court civil litigation against myself and my family. And, to boot, Juval Aviv, who the Government had earlier prosecuted, was given control over the USAO and FBOP in directing the wiretapping and obtaining of other, still unidentified, protected law enforcement materials!

Moreover, by removing trained law enforcement officers as screeners for the tapes, Mr. Fierberg, Juval Aviv, Paul Singerman, and unknown others collectively became the tape "translators" at the secret hearings. Nobody could verify if they were lying. During the hearings, Mr. Fierberg and Aviv freely, without question, insinuated "discoveries" in the tapes that, according to them, were essential in British and other foreign litigation. Of course, they always needed more (for "European litigation" of course) — even though my attorneys and myself were constantly discussing strategy over the phone for my contempt appeal then in the Eleventh Circuit (with oral argument coming up), my failed habeas corpus attempt (it was ruled I had no right to present a habeas claim!), and the extensive Florida State Court civil litigation with Bear Stearns and Berger Singerman. This was pure hoax. None of the tapes were ever filed or sealed — just one of the many ignored requirements of the Wiretap Act (Title 3). It is no wonder that Berger Singerman didn't want proper law enforcement officers screening the tapes — and questioning why the tapes were going to Berger Singerman, in a civil case ... who then funneled the tapes, their contents, and other protected law enforcement materials to Bear Stearns. **Anthony Pellicano**, the infamous Hollywood P.I. who was conducting wiretapping to get information for civil court cases, received 15 years in federal prison for these very actions.

Years later, after I finally learned of some of the foreign litigation (to be related about in a further post) I could not find a single direct or indirect reference to the tapes. When I raised the matter, Berger Singerman admitted the tapes were never used in British or other foreign litigation — confirming that Bear Stearns was always the intended recipient of the stolen tapes. To this day, I have been stonewalled in every attempt to obtain the British Court records (which would confirm the tapes were never used in Europe and much more), my own phone tapes, or a list of the protected information about me (and everyone I communicated with) that was funneled to Bear Stearns. All I ever saw, in limited foreign court documents I had independently obtained, was a perjured affidavit by Juval Aviv in which he, again, falsely swore he had identified my (fictitious) secret bank accounts.

Two or more off-the-docket wiretap hearings were held, and at least one order was issued between the November 16 and December 5 secret hearings. On December 4, 2000 Paul Singerman filed a **sealed motion**. It was not served on the Government.

The same day the motion was filed, an off-the-docket hearing was held without a court reporter, as stated in the **resulting sealed order** from that motion.

However, Berger Singerman had made a colossal blunder when they filed the motion. They had foolishly tacked on to the end of the **motion** the very phone logs they claimed to be seeking at the hearing held the next day!

The next day, December 5, at the **transcribed hearing** for the bungled motion, a script was followed. Mr. Fierberg repeatedly stated he and his firm had not seen the very phone logs they tacked on to the motion being heard! The bankruptcy judge conducted the hearing as though Berger Singerman did not have those phone logs ... even though the motion, filed under seal, had those logs attached (docket entry #1074 Case No 97-14687-BKC-AJC). In late 2004, under order, Mr. Fierberg delivered to me an incomplete copy of the sealed record and for the motion — the incriminating phone logs had been ripped off.

On November 16, the Government had refused to turn over the phone logs and had provided a copy of the logs to the bankruptcy judge. There were only two ways Berger Singerman could have gotten those logs by December 4: 1) the bankruptcy judge gave them to Berger Singerman through an off-the-docket secret order issued between November 16 and December 4 (when the motion was filed with the logs), or 2) the Government delivered the logs under an off-the-docket sealed order. Either way, the logs were delivered and findings were made that addressed all objections

raised by the Government.

A key objection raised by the Government, was a private bankruptcy trustee's status respecting the Department of Justice so that he and everyone associated with him could be considered a law enforcement official entitled to access to government tapes. The off-the-docket order had to resolve that issue in Berger Singerman's favor for Juval Aviv, alleged Epstein intimidator William Riley, and all other unnamed "investigators" to come under the umbrella of being government law enforcement officers entitled to access protected law enforcement tapes. So the "investigators" had all become secret government law enforcement officers and thereby entitled to the tapes.

Throughout the Jeffrey Epstein fiasco, everyone was aware of the importance of the Epstein - Bear Stearns connection to building a case against Bear Stearns insiders and the pending Bear Stearns Cayman Islands Hedge Fund trials. Epstein's constant "furloughs" to his attorney's office was supposed to be for that very purpose. Yet, publicly unknown and concealed, were the events that allowed Bear Stearns the extraordinary special treatment of taking control of the USAO and FBOP, to illegally wiretap and steal protected law enforcement materials. This was at least as embarrassing as the reported threats made by Epstein's attorneys to the USAO lawyers and the simultaneous exposure of these events would have had heightened impact and further charges of sweetheart deals for anyone connected to Bear Stearns.

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